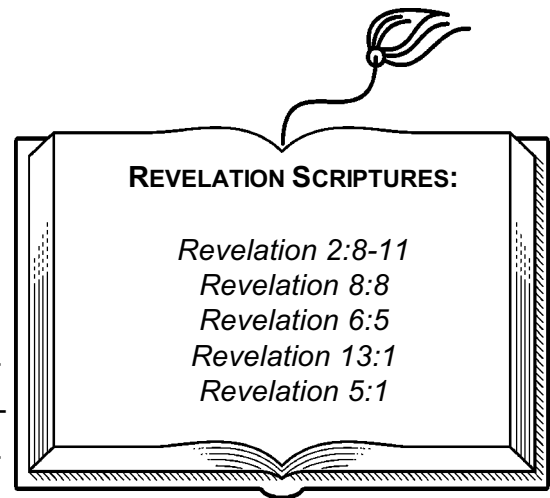


# Smyrna



- (1) "angel" (Revelation 2:8) messenger (pastor)
- (2) trumpet (Keys: Isaiah 58:1; Joel 2:1) the preached message
- (3) "great mountain" Mount Zion, God's church
- "burning with fire" they had the Holy Spirit
- (4) "sea" (Keys: Revelation 17:15; Isaiah 57:20) wicked people (apostasy)

"wickedness" people who profess to be God's people but are not (hypocrites)

(5) "black horse" (Keys: Zechariah 6:6; Jeremiah 46:10) spirit of apostasy

(6) "balances" (Keys: 1 Samuel 2:2-3; Proverbs 16:2) used for weighing

false measure because: only God should be doing the weighing

what is being measured out at a starvation rate? the Word of God (spiritual food)

(7) rider of black horse papal Rome

(8) closed book (Key: Revelation 5:5) lack of understanding of the Word

(9) woman in scarlet (Key: Isaiah 4:1) false religion

## Developing Doctrines:

"Forbidding to marry" (1 Timothy 4:1) celibacy among the clergy

"Commanding to abstain from meats"

(1 Timothy 4:1) no meat on Friday

"preeminence . . . casteth them out of the church"

(3 John 1:9-10) excommunication

sealed book shut or hidden

Who opened the seals? Jesus Christ

When? began at Calvary

1<sup>st</sup> seal = vision of the white horse

2<sup>nd</sup> seal = vision of the red horse

3<sup>rd</sup> seal = vision of the black horse

4<sup>th</sup> seal = vision of the pale horse

5<sup>th</sup> seal = understanding - message of holiness

6<sup>th</sup> seal = understanding - message of one church

7<sup>th</sup> seal = light of all seven days



Reference Text: Revelation 2:8-11